



**THE YORKSHIRE BRANCH
AIRBORNE ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION**

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**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT QUEEN ELIZABETH BARRACKS, STRENSALL
14th November 2009**

1. **Meeting opened** at 1235hrs and members stood in silent tribute to Ann Grocock who had sadly passed away.

Members Present: Tom Thornton, Bill Rudd, Mike Pallott, Noel Ward, Bob Prosser, John Parker, Bill Braniff, Joe Timberlake, Billy Gibbons, Pete Stevens, Dave Grimbley, Baz Henderson, Brian Kelly, Barny Barnwell, Bob Pendlington, Dennis Cable, Frank Small, Bert Bamforth, Ralph Scott, Bill Greaves, Sean McCargo, Dave Goodfellow, Eldred Grocock, Joe Cain, Ian Shaw, and Kenay Reshad.

Ladies Present: Dot Rudd, Sheila Prosser, Barbara Braniff, Marion Kelly, and Myra Barnwell.

Apologies from: Vince Caine, John McCarthy, Kenn Hart, Dave Davies, Norman Kinder, Bob Hembrow, Pat Brown, John Robinson, Lawrence Long and Yorkie Davies.
2. **Welcomes:** The Chairman welcomed all present and especially "Buster" Shaw and Sean McCargo (Back from his world travels but for how long?).
3. **Minutes:** That the minutes of the previous meeting as distributed were a true record of what took place.

Proposed by: Pete Stevens and seconded by Tom Thornton. **Carried.**

Matters arising. None
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Noel Ward reported that the accounts were in a healthy state and presented a written summary. He reported on the accounts for the Arnhem trip and the chairman explained that once an invoice had been received from the Dutch Army for the food provided refund cheques would be sent out but in any case this would happen at the end of November.

Proposed by Baz Henderson and seconded by Bob Prosser that the treasurer's report be accepted:

Carried.

A vote of thanks was unanimously passed for the sterling work carried out by the treasurer over this past busy period.
5. **Secretary's Report:** The secretary reported that minutes of other Branch Meetings were available for members to read.
6. **Membership Secretary's Report:** Bill Braniff reported the Branch Strength of 66 members and gave a break down of full, honorary, country and associate members. .
7. **Chairman:** The Chairman addressed the following matters:
 - a. Annual Dinner now confirmed as Sat 6th Feb 2010. Proforma handed out, and with these minutes to those not attending.
 - b. Xmas Lunch at Wetherspoons Harrogate Sat 19th Dec 2009 at 1200hrs. Cost £8 per head including wine paid for from Branch Funds. Members to book in with Bill Rudd (01765 607898) soonest. Please bring a raffle prize.
 - c. He thanked all members and their wives for supporting Hebburn Remembrance parade and events on the 11th Nov. He recorded special thanks to our Geordie hosts for a memorable two days. A vote of thanks especially to Billy Gibbons and Co. is recorded.

- d. The Chairman reported that many members and wives had attended the AGM at Nottingham and thanked them for their support.
 - e. He reported that Major Adam Wilson, OC Para Regt Trg depot, Catterick has invited members to attend the Pass Off Parade on Fri 17th Nov 09. Interested members to contact Bill Rudd after this meeting to discuss arrangements.
 - f. Bill then thanked Bill Braniff for producing the Branch Directory and members attending were given a copy. Members not attending and wishing to have a copy may obtain it by writing to Bill Braniff with a stamped self addressed A5 envelope enclosed.
 - g. Eldred Grocock was asked to address the members on his charity work plans for the future and to explain his obvious injuries sustained by falling out of an apple tree!!!!!!!
 - h. The Chairman informed members that 299 Para at Hull had achieved Branch Status of the AEA and that this Branch would make every effort to create liaison and a good relationship with them.
8. **Welfare:** No reports.
9. **Proposals from the floor:** None
10. **AOB:**
- a. Members are reminded that subs are due at the next meeting.
 - b. A copy of the Help for Heroes certificate is attached to these minutes to commemorate the fund raising support given by the airborne brotherhood.
 - c. John Parker announced that his cycle ride in aid of BLESMA and Combat Stress had raised £1238.36 and a further £75 is awaited from the Sigs Unit in Blackpool.
 - d. Baz Henderson pointed out that the sale of Deverill Barracks Ripon is expected to take place early in the new year. It is anticipated that Ripon Weekend will be no more and may possibly re-locate to Chilwell. 21 Engineer Regt will continue to exercise the freedom of Ripon as usual.
11. **Next Meeting: Sat 9th Jan 2010.** 1200hrs for 1230hrs. Anyone requiring a bed please let Bill Rudd know well in advance.

Meeting was closed at 1320hrs followed by lunch.

MRC Pallott

Secretary